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SUBJECT: LASSA FEVER REPORT

NEWBERRY FOR LANE/HOGAN

LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR OR DCM ONLY

REF: KADUNA 27

1. CATHOLIC MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION BY CABLE FROM UK THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN LONDON RELEASED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DR. PETER KENNEDY DIED 1/12/75 OF POSSIBLE LASSA FEVER. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO ALERTED PASSENGERS ON SAME FLIGHT WITH DECEASED POSSIBLY EXPOSED AND SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY SYMPTOMS COMPATIBLE WITH LASSA FEVER OCCURING IN NEXT 2 WEEKS.

2. V OUR KNOWLEDGE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES STILL HAVE NOT ACADOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY LASSA ALTHOUGH IT FAIRLY COMMON GOSSIP IN KADUNA ALREADY.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED 24 HOQA DELAY IN EVACUATING KENNEDY FROM KANO WAS DUE NIGERIAN AIRWAYS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PATIENT. PROBABLYS GREATE R CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO DEATH WAS FACT THAT THOUGH LASSA FEVER WAS SUSPECTED AS EARLY AS 1/8/75 NO EFFORT WAS MADE
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